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## CLOSING DAYS OF SOLDIERS' REUNION.

### Camp Warner A Lively Scene.

### Dodge City Again Selected.

Last week the GLOBE-REPUBLICAN published the proceedings of the first two days of the reunion at Camp Warner, in Wright's Grove. This week we publish the winding up proceedings, together with a report of the transactions by the Association.

This affair is a grander one than its promoters anticipated. It so far exceeded their expectations that the surprise is one of wonderment. Fully 3000 people were on the grounds during every day, and these people came from all parts of Southwest Kansas, and some came by wagons, bringing feed and provisions with them. But Dodge City was amply provisioned and all visitors found no trouble in being well cared for, with abundant provender for man and beast. And think of our city's luxuriant water supply, which won an encomium by Captain Painter, in most glowing words.

Next year Dodge City will again have the reunion by the unanimous choice of the association and consent of everybody. It will be a simple matter next year to make the arrangements, because the officers of the association and citizens will have an experience which will render the management and arrangement an easy affair.

And the people are so well satisfied with this year's management that they will come next year and they will bring their neighbors with them, and will swell the number of visitors to 5000. There is general praise over the kind treatment received and enjoyment had. The weather was warm but pleasant.

Thursday afternoon, Hon. M. W. Sutton, master of ceremonies, announced the program, and introduced N. B. Klaine, who presided at the meeting. Elder Morrison delivered a prayer. On introducing Major Warner, Mr. Klaine said:

When the Civil war closed the young men sought new homes and established themselves in business, either in new occupation or in some former established vocation. Like other young men I drifted to Western Missouri and engaged in the newspaper business. This was in 1865. The war was hardly closed. The soldiers were yet stationed in the town of Warrensburg and the country was infested with outlaws. The war had left its scourge.

The people were grateful and the young soldiers received the public offices at the hands of the people. To have served in the army was an honor and distinction the people were glad to acknowledge by their suffrages.

It was in Western Missouri I first met Mike Sutton, a beardless youth, seeking a place in the west, to establish a reputation in the practice of law and politics. But Mike was a farmer boy, before studying for the law, and I remember enjoying the hospitality of his farm home. In Western Missouri Mike received the first lessons in public life which lessons he has used successfully and profitably in a long career in the short grass country. It was in Western Missouri I first met Major Wm. Warner. We needed men of iron nerve and bravery in the re-establishment of law and order in the border states; and when the law was inadequate the people took the law into their own hands.

But rigid justice prevailed and the best lawyers were placed in the positions of prosecuting attorneys. It was then I first met Major Warner, who was a candidate for circuit attorney in the Kansas City District in a Republican convention. On my motion, Major Warner was nominated by acclamation. His election and subsequent career is known to everybody. He stands before you today, and I have no doubt you will be pleased to hear him, as I have been pleased to meet him, and to go over with him in some of the stories of life in the building up of one of the finest States in the Union.

I remember very well the look of surprise the Kansas City delegates expressed when they found their candidate had no opposition, and the visual image of Major Warner is not forgotten though 35 years have elapsed.

This camp is named in honor of your speaker this afternoon. Its name and its association will be pleasant memories so long as any of us shall live.

Major Warner is a pleasant speaker and won the hearty applause of the audience. His speech abounded in humor, and his allusions to some army scenes took the camp. Like the preceding speakers, Major Warner refrained from political remarks. He spoke of the valor of the soldiers, and of the issues which precipitated the war.

At the close of Major Warner's speech the institute class, under direction of Prof. Shepardson, sang several beautiful songs.

Governor Stanley was next introduced, and spoke for nearly an hour. His talk on the equality of citizenship which was the cause of the war, was a fine exposition of the subject. All men are created equal. He closed with an eloquent eulogy on the flag. At the close of the meeting Governor Stanley shook hands with a large number of old soldiers, who know him personally.

Thursday night, a large crowd assembled in the tent to hear Hon. Jerry Simpson, who is still a favorite among many old admirers and friends in this part of the State. Mr. Simpson's remarks were largely complimentary, and he steered clear of the political bias. Those who have heard Jerry can well imagine his talk. One thing that impressed the people most—that is, most of the people—was his statement that there were more pretty women in Western Kansas than in any part of the country he has been in. When a public speaker captivates the women he has smooth sailing.

Friday was the closing day of the reunion. People shook hands and promised to return next year. They were glad of the friendships made and acquaintanceships renewed. To every one the reunion was a source of awakening, and as our friend expressed it, "it was medicine." The people were aroused to a better feeling of their condition, and found that it needed only a little mixing up, a touch of kis, to make them feel that Western Kansas was next door to Paradise. And why not! Here we have an abundance of everything, and compared to the other portions of the country, we are in clover.

And the day was given up to sport and games, and such pastimes as the occasion afforded. The horse races, broncho riding, potato race, etc., took the crowd, and public speaking was relegated to the rear. Matt Imel and Elmer Scott won the principal prizes in these entries.

About 500 old soldiers were present at the reunion, and all estimates place the crowd a least 3000 people.

The association has taken in a number of southwest counties, which insures a greater interest in the organization next year. The annual reunions have become a fixture and the meetings may be anticipated with a greater degree of pleasure.

There was no disturbance of any kind during the reunion, which speaks well for the character of the people and of efficiency of the officers, who were promptly doing their duty. Drunkenness was at no time conspicuous. The good behavior is commendable.

FORT DODGE, KANSAS, Aug. 23, 1901.  
EDITOR GLOBE-REPUBLICAN:—I feel it a duty to speak a word for the Soldiers' Home. While at the G. A. R. Reunion I and many comrades visited the Home, and I confess I and all the visitors were surprised. We found the Commandant kind and courteous. We had a regular feast and camp fire. Everything plenty. The Commandant with his quartermaster and adjutant had a camp feast that surprised our women. It is surely a home for the old boy. The Commandant and his officers are entitled to credit.

G. W. NICHOLS.

EDITOR GLOBE:—We wish to congratulate your city for the generous treatment

accorded us during our visit to the reunion. Also congratulate Dodge for her pretty women. Dodge will always have a warm place in our feelings as we feel she is the banner town of Southwest Kansas. Will be with you next year.  
CORPORAL LEARD,  
Greensburg, Kas.

#### Business Meeting of the Southwest Veterans' Association.

Held August 22d, 1901, at Wright's Park, Dodge City, Kansas, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Meeting called to order by the President, D. L. Sweeney. Roll call of officers, and following were present:

President, D. L. Sweeney; Secretary, J. A. Arment; Daughter of the Regiment, Miss Myrtle Gray, and the following Vice Presidents: R. M. Painter, of Meade county; W. W. Ramsey of Stevens county; D. Woodman of Haskell county; W. C. Dugan, of Clark county; J. R. Sencenich of Ford; Henry Mott of Beaver, Okla.

Minutes of the 1900 reunion at Meade, Kansas, was read at length and approved as read.

The President appointed the following comrades as a Committee on Resolutions, they to make report when called for.

R. W. Griggs of Meade county; D. Woodman of Haskell county; Daniel Snyder of Clark county; McClelland of Seward county; Thompson of Beaver county.

Next order of business was the application of counties for membership in the association.

Comrade John Beaver, of Jetmore, in a stirring speech presented Hodgeman county. Comrade Donovan, of Hartland, presented Kearney county in a poetical recitation, which was very amusing as well as interesting. Comrade F. D. Smith of Protection, presented Comanche county. Comrade Morrison of Cimarron, presented Gray county in a patriotic speech. Comrade L. Grantham, of Garden City, presented Finney county. All of which were received into the association by a unanimous vote.

Comrade R. M. Painter took the stand for a few moments to impress the association that the time had arrived that it was necessary for it to adopt new rules and customs along certain lines, particularly that of requiring the county in which the reunion is held, to feed all the visiting comrades and their families while in attendance at the reunion; that we had outgrown the infant that we were a few years ago, and that it would be such a strain or draft upon the communities in which the reunions will in future be held, that none of them would consent to have the reunion held in their county. Comrade Painter in closing his remarks, moved that the custom of feeding visitors at the coming reunions be discontinued and the motion was adopted.

On motion of Comrade Lane, of Seward county, the city or county entertaining the reunion in the future would be expected to furnish hay, straw, fuel, water, cooking utensils and tents. Motion adopted.

The matter of location of the next reunion, 1902, was then taken up, and Comrade Snyder presented Ashland, Clark county, as the place for our next meeting.

Comrade J. L. Finley presented Dodge City as the most available and best equipped place for holding the 9th annual reunion, which brought some sentiment of disapproval, when the President called upon H. B. Bell, who represented the business interests of Dodge City in this matter. Mr. Bell stated that when the Mayor of the city, one year ago, invited the association to hold its 8th annual reunion in Dodge City, we little dreamed of the magnitude of the undertaking; but as we have seemingly made a success of it, we invite you to come again and if you so decide, I promise you on behalf of the City of Dodge City, that we will do better by you—for experience is a great teacher.

Comrade M. W. Sutton then took the stand, and in his humorous way told the association what Dodge City was capable of doing. Then Ashland was withdrawn and Dodge City unanimously chosen for the place of holding the 9th Annual Reunion.

Next order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Capt. D. L. Sweeney having proved himself so efficient and capable of handling the business of the reunion, was unanimously chosen President by a rising vote.

The following Vice Presidents were elected:

Meade county—Richard Bias, Meade. Clark county—J. A. Roberts, of Minneola.

Stevens county—W. M. Ramsey, of Zell. Haskell county—Mrs. D. A. Woodman, of Ivanhoe.

Seward county—Alex Templeton, of Liberal.

Ford county—Frank Chapman, of Dodge City.

Finney county—Robt. Hopkins, of Garden City.

Gray county—Frank V. Hull, of Cimarron.

Hodgeman county—John Beaver, of Jetmore.

Comanche county—Wm. Kimple, of Coldwater.

Kearney county—W. B. Logan, of Lakin.

Beaver county, Oklahoma—C. O. Tannehill, of Beaver.

Fort Dodge—S. H. Thomas, of Fort Dodge.

The office of drum major was created and Geo. Mallonee, of Fort Dodge was elected to that position for one year.

The meeting was informed that the three counties originating and organizing the association were Meade, Seward and Beaver, Okla.

President Sweeney then stated that we had hired no music for the reunion, but that the Meade Cornet Band and the Fort Dodge Drum Corps had been in attendance and very generously tendered their services for which the Association tendered its grateful thanks and President Sweeney on behalf of the Association, presented to the Meade band a check for \$50.00; also to the Fort Dodge Drum Corps a check for \$10.00. Then the association gave three hearty cheers for its President, D. L. Sweeney.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock, Friday morning.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23, 10 A. M.

Meeting called to order by President Sweeney when the following report from the Committee on Resolutions was read by Comrade Griggs:

Whereas, at our Seventh Annual Reunion held at Meade, Kansas, for the year 1900, Dodge City was designated as the place for the present meeting of this Association, and

Whereas, divers engagements were then assumed by your president upon behalf of the municipality of Dodge City, its citizens and business men to assure and induce such location; now

Therefore, as expressive of our judgment respecting such engagements and their redemption,

Be it resolved; That our thanks are hereby extended to Dodge City, its citizens and business interests for the prodigal hospitality meted out and realizing every just expectation, and dismissing us from this reunion with grateful memories of this the most notable and successful milestone in our history.

Resolved, that our warmest thanks are hereby accorded to Capt. D. L. Sweeney, for the many-sided exemplary qualities, disclosed during his incumbency of the position of our presiding officer.

Resolved, that we hereby record and confess our high obligations to Secretary Arment, for untiring assistance to President Sweeney, during the progress of the current year.

Resolved, that we note with pride and gratification the interest shown by the various counties in the outcome of this reunion. And especial commendation is hereby extended to the Cornet Band, and the Red, White and Blue Drill Corps, both of Meade, Kansas.

Resolved, that we bear cheerful testimony to Comrade Mallonee and his gallant band of little drummers for efficient co-operation in the efforts to entertain the members and guests of the reunion.

Resolved, that our thanks are due and hereby tendered to the Teachers' Institute of Ford County, for the rare treat of patriotic songs rendered during our meetings.

Resolved, that to the retiring Daughter of the Regiment, Miss Mertie Gray, we would award a high medal of praise for her chaste and elegant address, and we hereby direct that she furnish copies thereof to the Secretary for publication in the Dodge City press, and preservation in the permanent records of this Association.

Resolved, that we heard with pride the very interesting and thoughtful address of Comrade Dilworth Baird, late of the 44th U. S. Volunteers, and as a further mark of the favor with which some

ther mark of the favor with which some was received, we hereby request a copy thereof for preservation and publication.

Whereas, we, the survivors of the war of the Rebellion, Union and Confederate, have enjoyed the cool and lovely shade of the beautiful grove, wherein the reunion has been held, and to the end that fitting expression of our appreciation thereof be known and noted.

Be it resolved, that the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to Hon. R. M. Wright, for the planting and cultivation of the trees of this grove and the subsequent presentation thereof to the City, and we very gratefully request the said municipality by such formal and legal steps as may be requisite and proper, to name said grove "Wright Park," in perpetual commemoration of the generous deeds aforesaid.

Be it further resolved, That the thanks of this association are tendered to Little Rosa Rhodes, daughter of post, daughter of the regiment, Mrs. Jessie Daundeer, (nee) Rhodes, for the splendid recitations by her rendered and also for the artistic manner in which she sang the old song Alabama, and we desire to reverence the fact that Little Rosa is entitled to much credit for the satisfactory manner she filled the place of her mother as post daughter of the regiment, who was unavoidably detained at home.

R. W. GRIGGS, Chairman.  
D. A. WOODMAN,  
DANIEL SNYDER,  
J. V. THOMPSON,  
W. P. MCCLURE, } Com.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted by rising vote.

The following resolutions were offered by J. C. Baird and adopted, paying tribute to our departed Vice Presidents:

Whereas, since the close of our preceding annual reunion it has pleased the divine General commanding the Universe to detail from our ranks two of our worthy comrades for promotion,

Resolved, that when we bade an eternal farewell to our noble comrades, A. Lane and Michael Sighline (Vice Presidents of this Association), we did so in the firm confidence that when we have served our God and our Country as they did, that we shall meet as great a reward as theirs, to do guard duty around the Great White Throne throughout eternity, under the approving smile of God.

There being no further business of the association needing attention, the President declared the meeting closed.

The assemblage then resolved itself into a camp fire, and Comrade R. W. Griggs called to the chair to preside and after a neat and appropriate speech suitable to the occasion, introduced Comrade J. G. Mohler, of Salina, Kas., who gave us his experience as a soldier, which was highly entertaining.

Comrade John Beaver, of Jetmore, then took the stand and said that while he was a new member in this association he was an old soldier in the cause, and said to the association that Jetmore stood with open arms to receive it whenever it sought a good place to come to. He advised that for the next reunion that Dodge City lay a pipe line so that those in attendance could get good and pure "water."

Mr. Haywood, of Wilbur, gave a splendid recitation, touching on the war of 61-65; followed by Comrade Larned, of Jetmore; Comrade French of Kearney county; Mrs. A. Lane of Seward county; Comrade Andrew Everett of Ford county; Comrade Wright of Beaver county; Comrade Storms of Stevens county; Mr. Lane (son of our departed Vice President.) All made interesting talks. Miss Julia Gilpin, of Fort Dodge, gave a very amusing recitation entitled Aunt Jemima's Courtship.

The first and last Daughters of the Regiment, Mrs. Gove of Beaver county and Miss Myrtle Gray, of Fort Dodge, were then presented to the audience and made appropriate remarks.

President Sweeney then made announcements of the ball game and races, to take place west of the park in the afternoon, and gave us a history of his experience as a soldier and a prisoner of war in a touching manner. Chairman Griggs then declared the camp fire closed and business of the association closed for the year 1901.

D. L. SWEENEY, President.  
J. A. ARMENT, Secretary.

Major John Beaver of Hodgeman county, writes to Secretary Arment and says: "Our people here can't say enough in praise of the reunion and the good people of Dodge City."

An immense crowd attended the reunion at Dodge City last week. This county was well represented, and all speak highly of the way they were entertained.—Jetmore Herald.

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General Order No. 1.

DODGE CITY, AUG. 26, 1901.  
I desire to thank the officers and members of the Association, also the citizens of Dodge City and Soldiers' Home for the part they took in our reunion held in Dodge City, Aug. 20-23. As a result of their efforts the reunion was a grand success.

Having been elected President of the Association for another year, I hereby make the following appointments:

Secretary—J. A. Arment.  
Chaplain—Rev. John Morrison.  
Quartermaster—J. W. Sidlow.  
Daughter of Regiment—Miss Kittie Beaver, of Jetmore.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. I hope the Vice Presidents will lose no time in organizing their counties so as to make our next reunion the best ever held in the west. This can be done if we all take hold and do what we can. Our next reunion will be in Dodge City in 1902.

D. L. SWEENEY, President.

#### Reunion Notes.

Secretary Arment discharged his duties to the satisfaction of everybody.

Captain Sweeney is proud of the success of the reunion and why should n't he be.

There was money to meet all expenses of the reunion, and the good management was manifested.

The reunions will attract the attention of the people of the southwest to the hospitality and cordiality of the people of Dodge City.

Everybody returned home well satisfied, and promised to come back next year, with their cousins, and their aunts, and their mothers-in-law.

Some improvements will be made in the park grounds. The tramping cut loose the sand in many places. A lot of hard soil—gypsum—would "fill the bill."

The importance of holding the next reunion in Dodge City is made clear because of its easy access, its good water and cool shade.

Miss Myrtle Gray is the daughter of James Gray, of Fort Dodge, and not George Gray, as mentioned last week. Miss Gray is the "Daughter of the Regiment," of the Reunion Association.

The park was properly named Wright's grove by the association, with the consent of the city council. R. M. Wright is deserving this recognition. It will be a lasting monument to his memory.

There was no jar at any time on the grounds. Sheriff Hale had taken proper precaution had there been any desire to make trouble. The people who attended the reunion were peaceable people. This is the only kind desired.

The people of Dodge City generally are happy over the success of the reunion. The crowd was larger than was expected and the order was excellent. Next year the boys will know better how to do things; and the crowd will be twice as large.

All roads led to Rome. Now all roads lead to Dodge City. There is no fiction in this. In buffalo times all trails lead to Dodge City. It was not the buffalo which alone trailed to the river, but hunters as well led the way to Dodge City.

The base ball game Friday between the High School nine and the Dodge City nine, resulted in 9 to 6 in favor of the High School boys. The Dodge nine beat the Meade "rooters," but when it came to the High School boys the Dodge nine grabbed the root themselves.

Old soldiers are warned to be on the lookout for a bogus pension examiner who is now traveling through the country representing himself to be a special examiner sent out by the pension bureau, and works various schemes to get money from them. One of his games is to represent that your pension is about to be stopped or reduced, but for a small sum, ranging from \$2 to \$10, he will fix the matter up and see that everything is all right. Be on the lookout for him. The impostor is described as being 5 feet 7 inches in height, a little stoop shouldered, weight about 150 pounds, age about 50 years. He is very bald, has light complexion, blue eyes, very heavy eyebrows, bluish or spot in white of left eye, heavy sandy moustache cut short over mouth and extending well around to corners, dimple in chin, a notch between the two upper front teeth, evidently worn by his pipe stem. He is a fluent talker, apparently of Irish descent, dressed in gray suit of clothes, black slouch hat and tan shoes.—Elmdale Reporter.

An old-timer scanned the paper last week looking for his name. He ran up one column and down another, and his name was nowhere to be found. Perhaps his name can be found on the subscription book, with a C. O. D. to it.

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